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Emma's Everlasting Performance

By Kenneth J. Souza

■ June 5, 1897

Ten-year-old Emma Pruitt slid back and forth on her new silk skirt to the tempo until the uncomfortable wooden folding chair painfully pinched the back of her thighs.

"Ouch!" she blurted out before clapping a hand firmly over her mouth.

Her mother leaned over her with a stern look while the music continued on without missing a beat. Emma felt queasy in her stomach. She had disturbed the performance. She had upset Mama.

Sometimes Emma yearned for her father's more gruff yet sometimes comforting clearing-of-the-throat as a reinforcement of Mama's reprimand. It would have been embarrassing to hear while sitting here on a Sunday afternoon in the middle of the Music Hall to the strains of Mozart. But it was certainly easier to take than Mama's disappointed, hurtful and unflinching gaze.

The familiar notes of Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmuzik* reached a glorious crescendo and exhaled a final breath like a dying animal giving up the spirit before the sharp snapping of applause brought the crowd to its feet.

Emma sprang up and teetered on her tiptoes, slamming her hands together like a seal slapping at air. She adored Mozart ... and Bach ... and especially Beethoven. Her father had played piano and violin often in their home on Planting Island before ... well, before he went away.

Emma loved coming to performances in the new Music Hall and watching all the people from the Marion Village dress to the nines to enjoy the wonderful, soothing balm of the classics. She heard from her mother's friend, Delia, that Miss Elizabeth Taber herself would be at today's performance — but Emma had yet to spot the town's great benefactor amidst the sea of faces.

She had it in mind to tell Miss Taber how wonderful it was that she gave the town such a beautiful building ... and that it would be cherished for years to come. Emma hoped to come here in her twilight years to hear the same, beautiful sounds of live performance.

Mama looked down at her and smiled — she had forgiven the earlier outburst — and Emma watched as the vibrant, almost majestic velvet curtains swished closed in front of the musicians.

■ September 19, 1997

One of the contractors working for R. Gonsalves & Sons started unhooking the threadbare, nearly-disintegrating velvet curtains from atop the stage when he felt something — no, *someone* brush past him. He turned quickly, almost falling backward off the plank staging.

"Hey, Pavao, you gonna dance for us?" yelled up his foreman, a short burly guy nicknamed Smiley. "Be careful up there you lunkhead!"

John Pavao dropped the section of curtain he was holding and wiped his forehead. His hand came away with a fine, clammy cold sweat. He watched the other end of the platform riser he was standing on and noticed it bow momentarily near the middle ... and then again closer to where he was standing.

A sudden cold sensation ran through him at that instant, like a blast of ice cold water had been poured through



Above: Area artists pose with their handiwork at the Mattapoissett Senior Center. The trio were responsible for building, painting, and lettering a new television cabinet which is being used to store a large-screen television at the center. Pictured here (from l. to r.) are carpenter Craig Mechler, painter Peggy Cooper, and calligrapher Sue Cunningham. The new television, VCR and cabinet were donated to the Mattapoissett Senior Center by The Friends of the Elderly and dedicated in memory of Frances Calise. (Photo courtesy of Mattapoissett Council on Aging.)

On the cover: "The children of the night ... what sweet music they make." (From Bram Stoker's Dracula). This ghostly image of Marion's Music Hall may lend some credence to the recent rumors that the historic building might be haunted.

Cover insert: Area musician "Matty B" poses with some of the kids from Mattapoissett's Hearts & Hands at the group's Route 6 facility. Matty B will be performing a benefit concert this Sunday at 11:00 am for the organization at The Century House in Acushnet. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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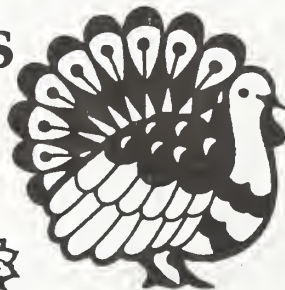
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his midsection and drained out his back. Then it was gone, just as quickly as it came.

"Hey, ballerina!" It was Smiley, teasing him from the entrance to the Music Hall. "We're breaking for lunch. The cable people are here to tape some footage and do a story. They may want to interview you about the interior work, so climb down here before you fall down."

John Pavao carefully descended the scaffolding and brushed his hands clean of the dirt and dust. He made a mental note not to tell the cable people anything about his recent experience. He didn't need something like that to be broadcast on TV.

■ July 4, 1897

As far as Emma could recall, her father died from TV. She was never sure what that meant, so she mustered up the courage to ask Mama while they were waiting for Mr. Washburn to untie their boat from the mooring in Sippican Harbor.

"Mama, how did TV make Papa die?"

Emma's mother looked puzzled, then curious, then smiled faintly. "No, darling, not TV — it was TB," she stammered, grimacing like she had just taken bitter cough medicine. "Tuberculosis, Em. It's a horrible sickness. It affects your lungs."

Emma pulled up her knee socks and adjusted her red-and-white-striped cotton dress. She was also wearing a dark blue blazer over the dress and a white hat with red ribbon in honor of the holiday.

"Was it painful? Did Papa suffer?"

"Some," Mama said. "It's never easy ... knowing you're going to die."

Mr. Washburn pulled in the mooring line, hand-over-

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hand, and settled back into the stern of the 22-foot sailboat which Mama and Emma liked to take out in the summer. Emma's father had purchased the vessel before he died, and the family often took excursions out into Buzzards Bay and to Cuttyhunk Island. For a time, Emma's mother refused to even look at the boat — which her husband had christened *Morella* — and if it weren't for Emma's pestering they might have sold it altogether.

But Emma convinced Mama to ask Mr. Washburn — an old friend of the family and Emma's unofficial godfather — to take over the care of the boat and take her and Mama out on trips in exchange for the use of the vessel the rest of the time.

Today was the Fourth of July, and fireworks would be bursting over Sippican Harbor as night fell. The trio had gotten an early start and were now cruising to the outer harbor near Bird Island.



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"Can we go the the Music Hall again next week?"

Emma asked her mother.

"My dear, we've been going to every concert since the beginning of the year," Mama said, "haven't you tired of all that music?"

"No," Emma said, while politely taking bites of a salted cracker. "I love music ... and I love that place. It's so peaceful. Even when the performers stop playing, I can still hear music in the air."

Mama smiled at Mr. Washburn, who blinked in agreement.

"It reminds you of your father, doesn't it?" Mama asked.

Emma nodded. "What's your favorite music, Mama?"

Emma's mother paused for a moment, then responded: "Beethoven's Ninth."

"Ba-ba-ba-bum," Emma sang to the opening of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

"No, love," Mama corrected. "That's the Fifth. Beethoven's Ninth is the glorious 'Ode to Joy,' the greatest single piece of music ever written."

Then Mama started humming — softly at first — capturing every note of the symphony's fourth movement in her sweet voice. Mr. Washburn joined in, adding a deeper baritone hum to the ensemble. When Emma recognized the tune, she also starting singing along.

With a makeshift symphony all their own ringing through Sippican Harbor, none of the three passengers aboard *Morella* noticed the small pool of water collecting in the hull.

■ September 21, 1997

"We had some leaks in the roof which needed to be patched up before we could reshingle it," John Pavao spoke into a microphone bearing the MediaOne logo while squinting into a bright arc lamp. "We'll be replacing all the windows and installing the elevator next month."

The Super-VHS camcorder clicked off and the light faded then blinked off.

"What the?" Dave, the camera operator, frowned while eyeing the controls on the side panel.

"What's wrong now?" asked Liz, lowering the

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microphone to her side and tapping her foot impatiently. "We've got to get this aired this week, you know."

"Don't know," Dave said. "Seems like it just shut off. Like someone walked over here and flipped the switch."

John Pavao started looking around nervously as if searching out an invisible presence.

"Is the battery charged?" Liz sniped.

"Yes the battery is charged," Dave said, mimicking her condescending tone. "I'm telling you, it just shut off by itself."

Dave clicked the power switch and the light beamed bright once again.

"Let's take it from the part about the elevator, Mr. Pavao," Liz said, pushing the microphone back under his chin. "When do you expect that to be installed?"

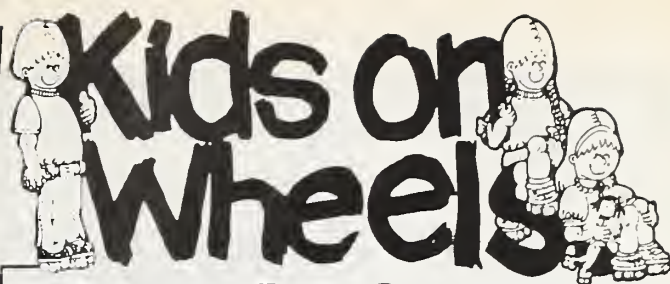
The light flashed again, then went out.

"Geez, I'm getting tired of this," Liz barked.

Dave walked in front of the camcorder which was mounted on a tripod and checked the lens and the white balance control. "Damned if I know," he said. "Looks like it's something internal. I'll have to run back to the station and get another unit."

John Pavao felt a now-familiar presence brush past his leg and heard what sounded like the faint giggling of a child.

At that moment, the arc light which was secured to a



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telescopic pole toppled over and crashed onto the floor, spilling shards of glass throughout the gallery of the Music Hall. Seconds later, John Pavao heard what he thought were tiny feet stepping on glass.

"Great," Liz said. "Let's clean this mess up and call it a wrap."

"Probably that ghost of Pavao's, getting jealous with all the attention he's getting," mused Smiley, who was watching the proceedings off on the sidelines with two other men. "Two days ago he claimed a ghost nearly pushed him off the scaffolding."

John stared wide-eyed at Smiley and grimaced as if to plead *keep quiet*.

"Yeah, claims there's a ghost walking around in the Music Hall," added a second construction worker.

Liz's ears perked up. "A ghost?" She turned to John

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Pavao. "Do you think the Music Hall is haunted, Mr. Pavao?"

"Well, I ... I've had some strange things happen to me since we started working here," he said. "I've never been one to believe in this sort of thing, but I sense there is a presence here. I think it's a little girl."

"What makes you think that?" Liz asked, extracting a notebook and beginning to scribble furiously.

"Um, she — it has brushed past me many times," he said. "She's small — ten, maybe twelve or so. I've heard her laugh, too. She giggled before that light fell over."

Dave dropped the light stand with a loud **CRASH!** Liz jumped and rolled her eyes.

"Sorry," he said.

■ July 4, 1897

CRASH! BOOM! BANG!

The sky over Sippican Harbor lit up with an array of pastel greens, reds, blues, and yellows. Emma couldn't decide whether she enjoyed watching the fireworks explode in the sky more or the sparkling reflection of the colors on the water. She *did* know she didn't like the thundering sound of the explosion once the colorful display had dissipated.

Mr. Washburn had taken *Morella* around the other side of Bird Island to watch the fireworks display from Silvershell Beach. Mama was a little wary of drifting farther away from the other boaters, but Mr. Washburn convinced her the view would be better from here.

Emma heard another *thud* and thought it had been from the last red and white firework. When she turned, she realized it was Mr. Washburn at the stern grappling with the glass pitcher that was filled with iced tea earlier in the day. He was frantically trying to scoop out what was now an ankle-deep puddle of water collecting in the hull of the boat.

"Mama, are we sinking?" Emma asked. Her mother turned her attention from the skies to Mr. Washburn.

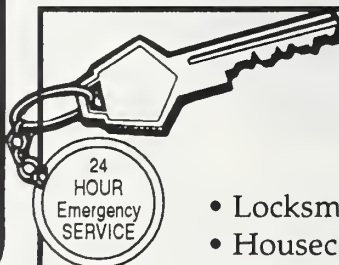
"Oh, God!" she said, heading to the back of the vessel. As she moved, Emma felt the bow rise slightly out of the water.

"There must be a gap in the boards," Mr. Washburn yelled over the booming display. "I felt her shift a little and when I came back here I noticed she was taking on water."

Emma leaned forward and grasped the sides of the sailboat trying to steady herself. She watched as Mama and Mr. Washburn yelled incoherent words at each other over the din of the fireworks. She felt a sour note rise up in her stomach.

Mama returned to Emma carrying a life support jacket. She pushed it toward her daughter. "Emma, put this on," she commanded. "And stay here in the bow of the boat."

Emma looked up at her mother and wanted to say something — *anything* — but couldn't. Her mother bent over her



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and caressed her cheek. Emma caught the reflection of a green firework glistening in her mother's watering eyes before she returned to the stern with Mr. Washburn.

The next few minutes were a haze of images — Mr. Washburn scooping out water; Mama trying to wave down too-distant boaters; the *Morella* tilting to one side. Then, Mr. Washburn took off his shirt and plunged into the water. Mama held her arms out to him, pleading. He motioned for her to stay in the boat as he started swimming toward the inner harbor.

The grand finale of the Fourth of July fireworks display had begun just when *Morella's* stern started slowly sinking below the water line. Emma felt the bow — and herself — rise up as Mama's white dress pooled around her ankles as it hit the surface of the water. Emma started to cry — a silent, heaving, fatalist sob.

Emma braced herself against the pinching corner of the

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bow by pushing with her small feet against cushioned seat. As the sailboat took on more and more water, she could hear the creak of the wooden sides strain with the pressure of the weight. Mama kept her gaze fixed on Emma as the vessel sank. Emma heard the bouncy thumping tune of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony ring in her ears as she descended with Mama and Morella into the black waters of Buzzards Bay.

■ October 31, 1997

John Pavao picked at his tuna sandwich while dangling his feet off the edge of the stage. The rest of the crew had gone to a local diner, but he elected to stay at the Music Hall and enjoy his bag lunch. Besides, he needed to save money ... and, to be honest, he liked sitting in the Music Hall. Now that the renovations were almost finished, he wanted to spend as much time as he could in the historic building.

He kicked his heels against the bottom of the stage and drained a can of Mountain Dew as the old wooden folding chair dragged itself across the floor and slapped open in the middle of the hall. It creaked as an invisible weight eased into it.

"Today is Halloween, isn't it?" a little girl asked. The voice seemed to come from in front, from the sides, and from behind like one of those expensive home theater surround sound systems.

"Hmm-mmm," John Pavao responded, swallowing his soda. "Are you going trick-or-treating?"

"Maybe," the voice said. "But I don't like scaring other kids. I might just stay here and listen to the music."

"But the place is closed ... it won't reopen until December," John said.

"There's *always* music in the Music Hall," the voice gushed. "And soon everyone will be coming here again. It will

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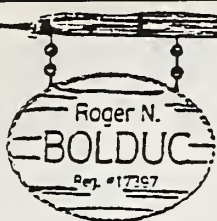
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be just like old times. I can't wait to see all those faces sitting here."

"Me, too," John said, smiling. "Me, too."

"Helping Hands"

Matty B to Perform for Local Charity By Kenneth J. Souza

Area artist and musician Matt Bernier understands about reaching out to others and the power of public support. Citing 1997 as a career milestone, Mr. Bernier — who performs under the name "Matty B" — recently released his first compact disc of original material and has had the pleasure of performing with the likes of



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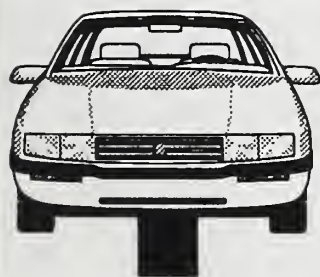
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"(Hearts & Hands) contacted me and asked for my support," Mr. Bernier said. "It's a pleasure to be a part of such a great organization and to be able to help them in any way I can."

Matty B's music can best be described as a variety of musical styles including love ballads, contemporary rock, and upbeat pop. "People can expect to hear a little bit of everything (at the show)," Mr. Bernier said, adding that he'll be doing both original material and familiar cover tunes. "There's a real mix because I enjoy reaching out to all kinds of audiences — it's what I like to do best."

In addition to setting up and performing in this weekend's benefit for Hearts & Hands, Mr. Bernier has also agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of his new CD, *Can't Stop the Rain*, to the effort. Both CD and cassette copies of the album will be on sale at the performance, and Mr. Bernier will also provide free posters with each purchase. He will also make himself available to sign copies of the recording at the event.

A native of Westport, Massachusetts, Matty B has devoted much of his life to music and songwriting. Mr. Bernier's undeniable talent, love of music and performing earned him the right to work with a variety of musical groups and styles over the years. A saxophonist and

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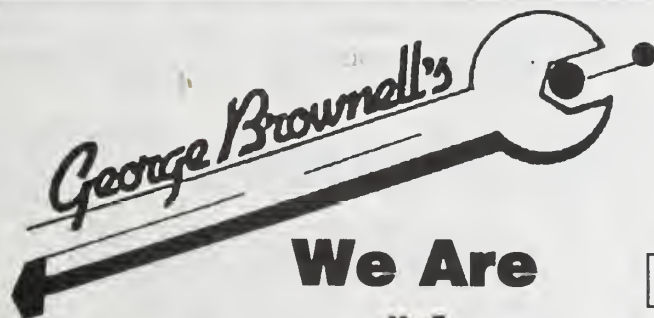
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vocalist, Mr. Bernier has performed recently at the North Shore Theater, the Cape Cod Melody Tent, the South Shore Music Circus, and the Warwick Musical Theater. He has been performing solo as Matty B for the past four years.

As his first venture with Hearts & Hands, Matty B is confident his performance will be the beginning of a long-lasting relationship. "I think (this show) is a good stepping stone to be able to participate in other fund raisers and make people aware of the good services that Hearts & Hands provides," he said.

Matty B will be performing in a benefit for Hearts & Hands on Sunday, November 2 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at The Century House in Acushnet. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in advance at Elaine's T-Shirts in New Bedford and at the local Hearts & Hands office on Route 6 in Mattapoisett (758-1300). Seating is limited, so people are urged to buy tickets early.

Matty B's CD *Can't Stop the Rain* was released this past summer for distribution to radio stations and is also available from Honeycomb Records at area retail outlets including Words and Music in Fairhaven. For further information on Matty B and his upcoming performances, you can check out his website at <http://www.honeycombrec.com>, or call (508) 675-7432 or (508) 679-0991.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

October 28, 1997

By Pamela L. Sylvia

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Paul R. Lambalot, Selectman Michele Bernier, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

On the agenda at 7:00 pm, the board met with Water/Sewer Superintendent William "Nick" Nicholson regarding an application submitted to him for water withdrawal. Decas Cranberry Company is applying for permission to withdraw water from the Tinkham Pond in town. The application, which was completed by GAF Engineering, asks to increase the water withdrawal as a result of eight acres of cranberry bogs. Those new bogs are located in Rochester, Mattapoisett, and Carver.

Selectmen Lambalot asked Superintendent Nicholson if he was trying to dissuade the board on this issue. "No, I would just like to make everyone aware of this situation," he said. "I do not oppose the project. If the extra water supply was coming from wells, I would be more concerned."

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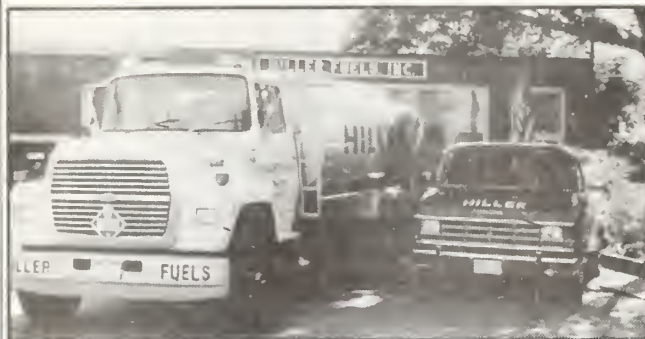
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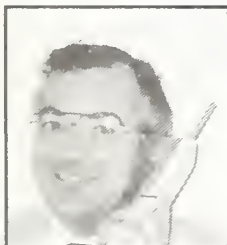
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The board thanked Mr. Nicholson for his watchful eye. This issue will further be discussed within the next few weeks and a decision will be rendered.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Doug Cameron, one of the workers behind the wharf ramp repair project. On October 15 Mr. Cameron sent the board a letter informing them of the progress on the project thus far. According to Mr. Cameron, the plan is on schedule, with the construction tentatively ready to begin June 30, 1998. It would take roughly one year for the project to be completed.

There are several factors which could create road blocks toward completion. "Fluxuation of funding and the increase in costs of materials," he said. "Those things are typical every year."

With the repair running at least six to eight months, the boat ramp will virtually unavailable for use. This could affect the busy boat season, where several parties dock and dry dock their vessels every year. Mr. Cameron stressed that other ramps in the area could be used during those busy times. Also, if the public was made aware of when the dock would be closed, it would cut down on problems.

The last issue is when the construction will actually begin. Depending upon when funds will be available, the contractor may be busy with other projects. Plus, the time of the year will have something to do with the work. "It is virtually impossible to do any work in the winter months," Mr. Cameron said. "We could begin in the fall and work diligently. Then take the first few months of the year off. Finally, we could pick up in March or April and work to finish the project by June or July."

Mr. Cameron will be meeting with other town boards in the near future. Hopefully, the Selectmen are keeping their fingers crossed so construction can begin around September 1, 1998.

On the agenda at 8:00 pm, the Board of Selectmen met with members of the Personnel Board, who are

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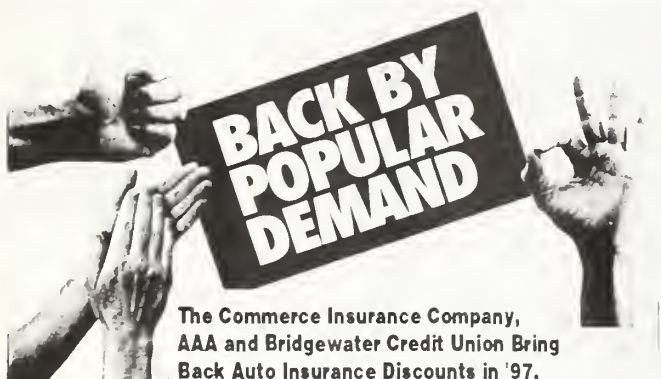
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concerned with the direction their board should be moving in. The Personnel Board has only been in existence for a few months, but they have been working on completing their first few projects. "We have held our first meeting," said board member Marie Bacon. "So far, we have been working on rewriting the (personnel) by-laws. Plus we have been looking over schedules for the last few years to gain some background information."

Chairman DeCosta suggested Ms. Bacon start looking onto creating a budget for next year. Plus, when the board is ready, they can meet with the Selectmen and both can review the first draft of the revised personnel by-laws.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- A letter from the Office of Transportation and Construction advising that the multi-use rail trail project submitted for funding under the Transportation Enhancement Program is eligible for funding under the Massachusetts Transportation Enhancement Program Guidelines. SRPEDD will be taking an active role in assisting in the project;

- A memo from the Planning Board congratulating the Open Space and Recreation Committee for a commendable job on their Open Space and Recreation plan;

- Stan Ellis, Director of Old Hammondtown Jazz Band, wrote to advise that the OHS Jazz Band has been invited to take part in a clinic for the Shenandoah University of Virginia on March 19, 1998. The band will



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- Recreation Committee Chairman Marilyn Lee wrote to advise that her committee is in favor of the Mattapoisett Track Club summer teen dances;
- Natural Resource Officer Brian Nunes advised that on October 23 and 24, he transplanted seed for 80,000 bay scallops and seed for 80,000 quahogs throughout the waters of Mattapoisett;

• A memo from Board of Appeals Chairman William Armitage, stating that if John Potter, owner of Roselynn's Cafe, is contemplating a change in hours, he must apply for a Special Permit before the Board of Appeals. Upon application of a Special Permit, a hearing

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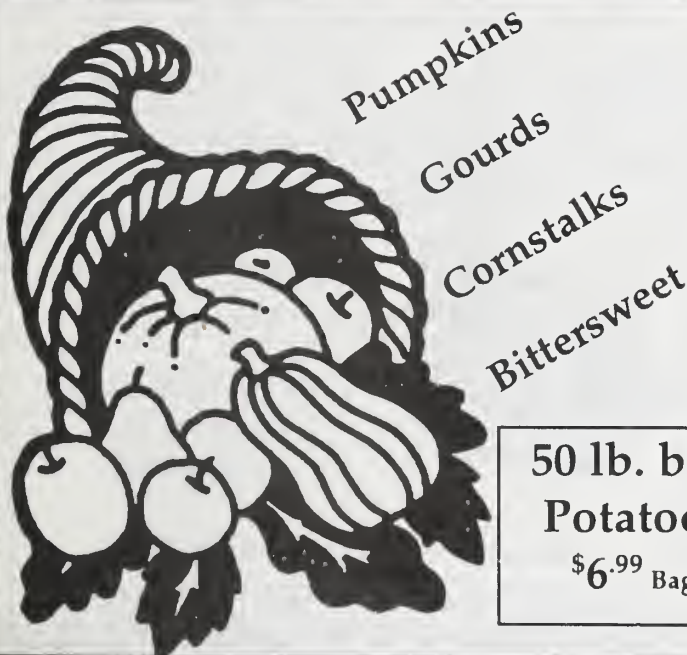
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With no further business to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Marion Special Town Meeting

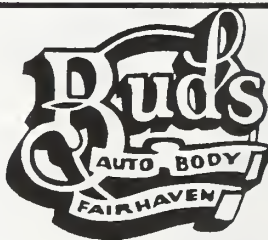
October 28, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator David B. Titus on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of Sippican School. Having noted the presence of a quorum, Mr. Titus asked voters to take their seats and proceeded by advising that in the interest of time he would impose a five-minute time limit on all discussion that evening, with a limit of three minutes for all follow-up questions or responses.

Planning Board member Bob Bennett began the evening by moving that Article S9 be taken out of order and considered first since the remaining eight articles were all lengthy Planning Board amendments. The motion was seconded and carried by a majority vote.

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up to introduce Article S9, which the group placed on the warrant by petition. As written in the warrant, the article would ask voters to establish a Safety Committee to study the feasibility of "Safety Zone" areas on all town roads, establish "Safety Codes" for all road uses, and require the Safety Committee to prepare and present a "Master Plan" for future "bike path" recommendations.

"From the inception of the original 'Railroad Bed Bikepath' idea in 1995 until the present, the intent and scope of what was actually approved and voted on by the town has become increasingly confused," Ms. Gunschel said. "Misinterpretations and misunderstandings have been the result."

Ms. Gunschel noted that if the town were to consider a "public bike path," they should really take into account all major roads which connect Marion neighborhoods and town facilities. "It is necessary to include in this study Spring Street, Main Street, and all of Front Street," she said. "Along with the previously listed roads: Creek, Point, Delano, County, Converse, and Route 6."

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noted that they did not support Article S9 as presented. "The article as worded has the potential for creating a negative financial impact on the town," he said. "We do not recommend this article ... specifically, the delay in any major roadwork."

Indeed, many voters were confused as to what the article would prohibit in terms of "extreme alterations" to major roads as suggested in an amendment. "I have trouble with the word 'footprint' in the article," said Selectmen Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. "Which means we would have to stay within the existing layout of the road. Sometimes we need to widen the road or straighten it in order to make renovations and repairs."

"I'm very troubled by all the hand-tying I see here," agreed Tyler Blethen. "We can't be limiting the

amount of road work."

Another major point of debate was the interpretation of "Safety Codes" and "Safety Zones" in the article. Ms. Gunschel noted that "Safety Codes" refers to general rules of the road that all people should follow — including bikers. "We all know that bikes are supposed to be on the road, not the sidewalk, and follow the rules of the road," she said. "But this would reinforce that." But several residents questioned the need to reinforce what is already written in state law.

"You've made this (issue) incredibly more complex," said resident Joseph Zora. "I think it's getting very confusing here. I think a lot of people are opposed to what this project has become."

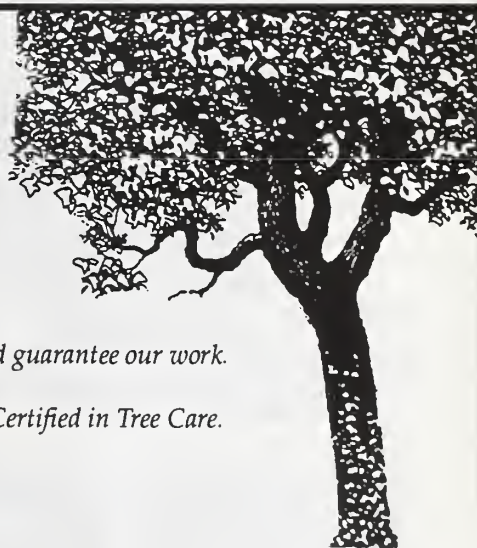
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Under **Article S1**, voters were asked to amend the town's zoning by-laws to retain a select number of parcels as zoned residential. Planning Board member William Brennan noted that they have been working with property owners along Route 6 and the Growth Management Committee (GMC), and the parcels listed under Article S2 — which comprised a total of 29 acres — were all requested to be zoned residential by the owners.

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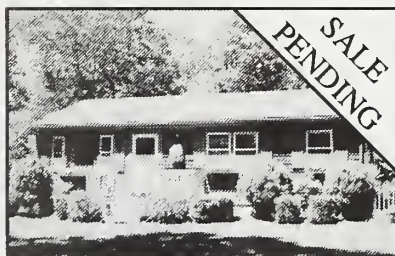
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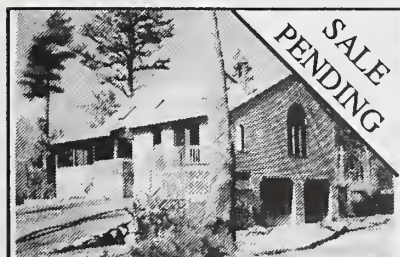
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Many voters were supportive of the article, noting that it would limit the Route 6 corridor to small businesses. "I think it's important that we try to preserve the residential property along Route 6," said resident Ted Pratt. "The Planning Board has done a good job with keeping with the wishes of the owners and I think we should proceed."

After further discussion, voters approved Article S1 via the required two-thirds majority.

Under Article S2, voters were asked to amend the zoning by-laws (Section 8.10.2) to add three town-owned parcels to the list of locations that fall under the Wireless Communications Facilities (WCF) overlay district. These properties were Lot #9, Plan #24 (Town Dump); Lot #18, Plan #24 (VFW on Route 6); and Lot #14, Plan #26 (Town Dump).

There was a great deal of debate over whether there should be private property included in the overlay district. In fact, Edward Brainard made a motion to amend Article S2 to include Lot 13H, which is the site of the old RCA facility in Marion. Mr. Brainard explained that he applied for a permit to have telecommunications towers installed on this property earlier in the year and he received a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to allow a monopole at the site. The Planning Board, however, sued the ZBA for granting the variance without seeing the site.

After further debate, Town Meeting voted to approve the article as read, allowing only the addition of the three town-owned parcels to the telecommunications overlay district.



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Rochester Special Town Meeting

October 27, 1997

By Pamela L. Sylvia

A Special Town Meeting in Rochester consisting of the Board of Selectmen, members of the Finance Committee, Planning Board, and a quorum of 50 voters was called to order on Monday, October 27 at the Rochester Memorial School.

Seven articles were on the warrant, with most involving zoning issues and open space throughout the Town of Rochester. Before the voting began, Amy Johnson of the Planning Board presented the voters with a slide show. She wanted to emphasize the importance of open space to the town. "I want to stress to the voters we need to preserve the rural nature of the town," she said. "We can't stop the growth from coming to our town, but we can control how the growth affects us."

Voters then considered the following articles:

- **Article 1: Flexible Development** - To see if the town will vote to amend the protective by-laws to allow development, such as housing clusters, to be permitted by



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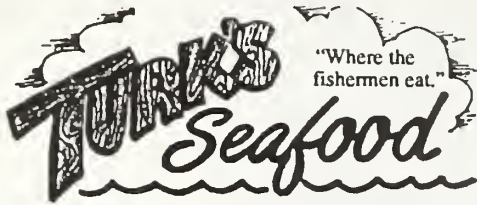
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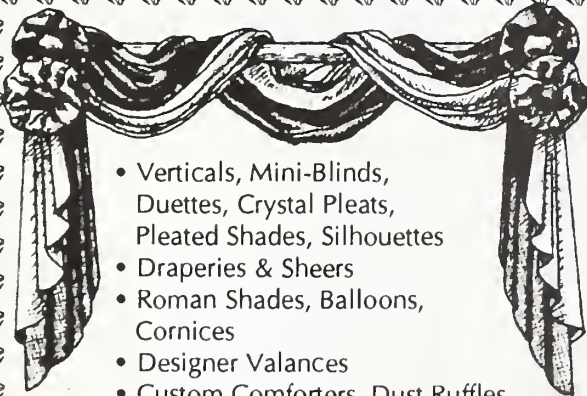
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special permit in the agricultural residential districts.

To most voters, this article focuses on the preservation of open space more than housing development. Houses can be designed and designated to areas within the town and away from scenic routes. "This article is designed to manage the growth within the town," Selectmen Chairman Richard Cutler said. "It is the first in a series to provide the tools to manage (growth)."

One point made about the flexible development dealt with the size of lots. Housing clusters will be separated at eight acres together. Depending what size acres are available will depend on other zoning restrictions. There would be an average of four houses per cluster. The largest available lot would be two acres. When put to a vote, the article carried overwhelmingly, 70 to 3.

• **Article 2: Rate of Development** - To see if the town would vote to limit the amount of building permits which could be issued in one year.

The Board of Selectmen suggested holding this article over until the next Town Meeting. When asked why, they said more research and input needed to be accounted for before making a decision on the article. The progress of where and when the permits need to be must be ironed out, as well as other key issues. When put to vote, however, the voters decided to approve the article.

• **Article 3: Revised Earth Removal By-Law** - To see if the town would vote to accept a revised by-law for

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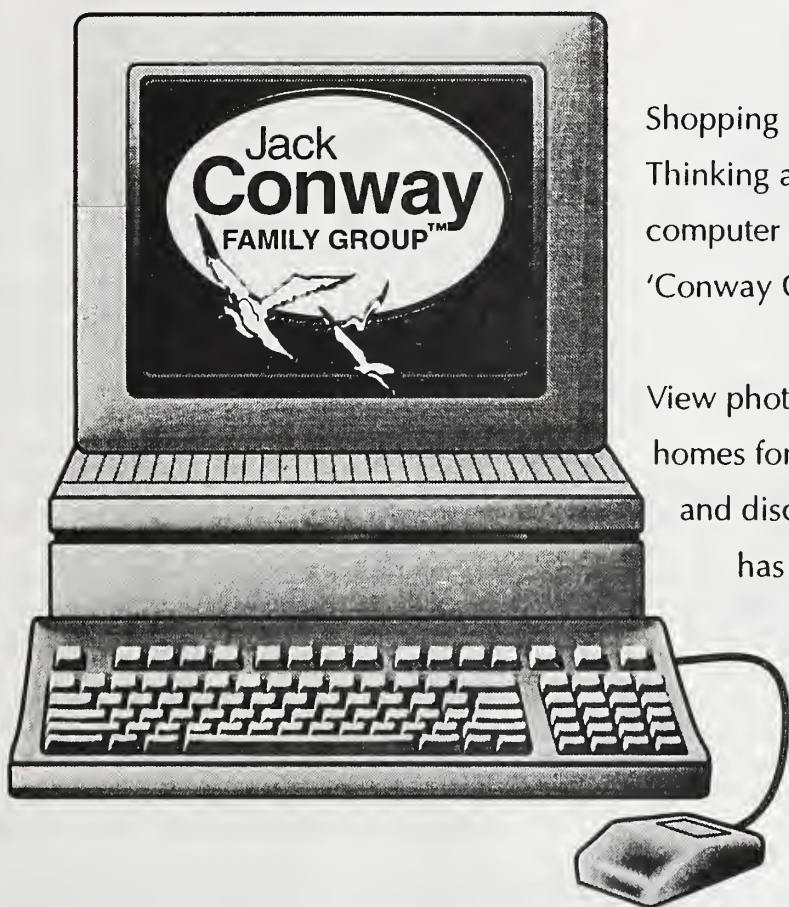
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The Board of Selectmen believe that earth removal could be damaging to property if not done correctly. This article would specify what can be done and what cannot. To some, it meant more than that. "If we better manage the operations, it is promoting open space," Selectman William Chamberlain said. "It helps manage each operation to the best it can be." The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

• **Article 4: Rezone of Property of Burton J. Smith to General Commercial** - To see if the town will vote to amend a certain parcel of land situated on the northwesterly corner of County Road and Cranberry Highway. With the Planning Board and the Board of

Selectmen in favor of this article, and with no discussion from the floor, the voters unanimously passed the measure.

• **Article 5: Rezone Property of George E. Chace to General Commercial** - To see if the town will vote to amend Section V (a) of the zoning by-law and the zoning map by adding two certain lots. With both boards approving the article and no questions from the floor, the voters passed the motion via unanimous vote.

• **Article 6: Amend Minimum Lot Requirements - Rochester Agricultural Residential District** - To see if the town will vote to raise the minimum lot area from 65,000 to 87,120 square feet.

Questions arose about this article and Article 1. Voters wondered if the two were working in conjunction with one another. Chairman Cutler replied no, that although both are on the same warrant, they had nothing to do with each other at the time of submission.

Planning Board member Amy Johnson submitted the article in the hope that voters of the town would like to preserve open space. If the lots are made larger, then eventually less houses would be built.

"We won't have to worry about polluting the water supply in area towns, plus we can protect the viewscape," Ms. Johnson said. When put to vote, the article carried by a two-thirds required vote.

• **Article 7: Accept Briarwood Lane as a Public Way** - To see if the town will accept Briarwood Lane as a public way. The Planning Board made it clear to voters that the lane had met all town specifications for a public way. With no further questions or comments, the article was passed unanimously.

With no further articles to consider, the Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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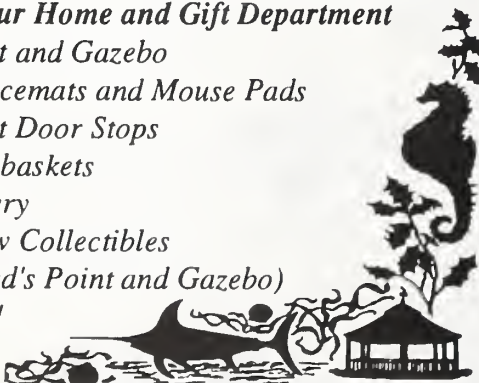
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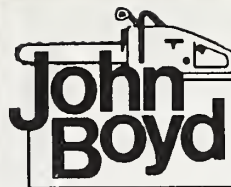
October 27, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, October 27 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Robert J. St. Jean. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera and Selectman Everett L. Hardy Jr.

Under Old Business, the board unanimously agreed to appoint Steve Raposa as a member of the By-Law Review Committee as per a recommendation from the committee. Selectman Hardy, however, requested to hold their decision on a request from the Board of Assessors to retain the System 36 printer in Town Hall for another week.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a response from Cable TV Liaison Donald Lopes regarding Donald Gaspar's alleged use of Acushnet Cable Committee equipment for his personal projects — specifically to videotape vacation footage and his



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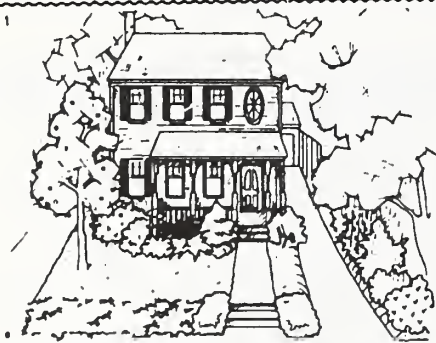


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property in Maine. According to Mr. Lopes' letter, he was assured by Mr. Gaspar that the video equipment is being used solely for his show which airs on the local public access cable channel.

"The use of the equipment is limited to taping Acushnet events, activities, and meetings of various boards," Mr. Lopes wrote. "To my knowledge, Mr. Gaspar is not using Acushnet-owned equipment (either videotapes or camera) ... for his personal endeavors."

Selectman Hardy then said he had a long discussion with Mr. Lopes, and they agreed the board should establish a Cable Advisory Committee. As such, the board would like to solicit interested residents for appointment to this committee which will be comprised of either five or seven members, depending on the response. Interested persons should send a letter and resume to: Acushnet Board of Selectmen, c/o Town Hall, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743. The deadline for consideration is Monday, November 3 at 4:00 pm. The board plans to appoint people to the committee during their November 3 meeting.

The board received a notice from the Acushnet Firefighters and Police Association that they will again be sponsoring the Annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31 beginning at 6:30 pm from the Town Hall parking lot. The parade committee has invited the Board of Selectmen to participate — with or without costumes.

On a similar note, Selectman Hardy informed his

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fellow board members that the Open Christmas Party for town employees scheduled for Sunday, December 14 at The Century House is the same night as the town's Christmas caroling and tree lighting. The board said they would check on the potential conflict between the two events.

The board next received a letter from Victor Pereira of Cushman Street expressing his interest in serving as the town's Deputy Wiring Inspector. Mr. Pereira has a state Electrical License and has been an electrician for over 12 years. The board agreed to forward this information to Wiring Inspector Frank Knox for consideration. Depending on the budgetary constraints, they would entertain appointing one or more Deputy

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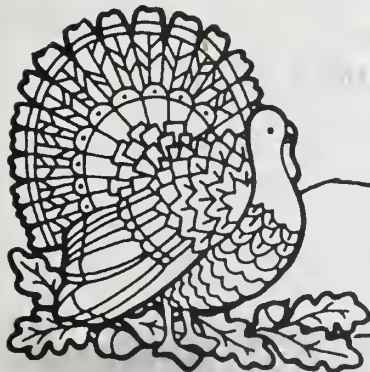


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Adrienne Rivet next sent a letter to the board expressing her concern over the current visibility on Middle Road near the entrance to the new EMS Building. Ms. Rivet noted there are tree stumps which are overgrown with brush which cause exiting vehicles to enter onto Middle Road in order to spot oncoming traffic heading north.

The board agreed to forward this request to both the Safety Committee and Board of Public Works for their consideration. They agreed that the stumps at the end of the driveway should be removed and suggested the DPW take on this task as soon as possible.

At 6:20 pm the board met with Animal Control Officer (ACO) Alfred Brouillette regarding the recent complaints issued on behalf of "Boomer," a dog owned by residents on Bertrand Way. ACO Brouillette said they have some problems with the way the restraining order is worded. "It should be titled 'Restraining Order' and it should specify that failure to keep the dog tied up will result in criminal action," he said. "If it's not done a certain manner ... it won't stand up in court. The least little flaw will cause it to be thrown out."

The board agreed that the Restraining Order should be written up to the letter of the law and that all future legal documents follow the same format. "If we get the correct wording, let's type up some forms to use so that everything is uniform," Chairman St. Jean said. "Maybe we should have (Town Counsel) look over the form once its written."

Mr. Brouillette said that the recent call regarding "Boomer" was portrayed incorrectly at last week's meeting. "Under no circumstances can you confiscate a dog," he said. "I went out there and he was (on private property). If he's on public property, you can pick him up and return him to his owner."

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But Chairman St. Jean noted that if they continue to get complaints about this same animal, another hearing will have to be scheduled. "If the problem with 'Boomer' continues, we'll have to hold another hearing," he said. "We'll call the owner again and take whatever action is necessary."

Mr. Brouillette also advised the board that the Animal Control Officer in Fairhaven has submitted her resignation and the town has asked him to cover some additional hours — both on calls and in the Fairhaven Animal Shelter — in her absence. "They've asked us to cover a couple of nights," he said. "But if we take over, we'll run out of money in our (salary) line item. We'll be owing people for additional hours."

Since a transfer of any funds into a salary line item would require a Town Meeting vote, they most likely would be unable to replenish the budget until January 1998. Selectman Hardy was concerned about not getting voters' support for the additional coverage. "I want everyone to know we're playing with fire here," he said. "If we go to Town Meeting and get turned down, we'll be

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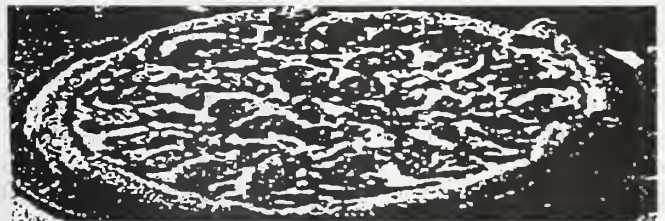
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in a pickle."

The board advised Mr. Brouillette to cover Fairhaven as needed from the existing allocated salary line item. If and when that money is exhausted, he will have to come back to them and decide whether additional monies can be allocated or simply cease covering the overlap hours in Fairhaven. "We'll have to see how it plays out," Selectman Koczera agreed.

In other business, the board agreed to schedule a joint meeting with the By-Law Review Committee and the Planning Board either on November 10 or November 17 to discuss the pending "Retreat Lot" and "Common Driveway" by-law changes. The board said they had a copy of the by-laws now in place in nearby Marion, and would use them as a guide in preparing their own specifications.

At 7:15 pm, the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to consider two pending grievances involving the Board of Public Works (BPW). They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Acushnet BPW Votes to Maintain Rate

By Kenneth J. Souza

The Acushnet Board of Public Works (BPW) voted to keep the rate for town water/sewer users at \$55 per 1,000 cubic feet on Monday night, October 27. The measure was approved, 3 to 1, with sole opposition from BPW member Donald Gaspar. BPW Chairman Kenneth Souza did not vote.

"I'm not here to get into a pissing contest with anyone," said board member David Grenon before making a motion to maintain the \$55 rate. "The Department of Revenue wants us to set a rate based on the information that's been given to us ... I'm only saying what's fair."

But BPW member Donald Gaspar loudly expressed his opposition to Mr. Grenon's motion. "I think it's about time that this board get off its royal rear and start making the (DPW) do its job," Mr. Gaspar said. "This \$55 rate is unfair ... this board did not set the rate, the DPW Superintendent set the rate ... he was wrong and you were wrong."

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Acushnet charged water/sewer users for 4,047,200 cubic feet (\$141,773.42) and the Acushnet Company was charged for 3,056,460 cubic feet (\$114,617.25) for a total of \$256,390.67 collected in fiscal year 1997. This created a shortfall of \$45,406.88 last year.

Mr. Grenon explained that the budget for fiscal year 1998 is \$418,000. In reality, Acushnet needs to charge a rate of \$58 to cover the budget with a surplus of \$125.20. This would mean they could generate \$234,737.60 from residents and \$183,387.60 from the Acushnet Company.

"We're looking for a water-in, water-out set-up with New Bedford," Mr. Grenon said, noting that the Town of Acushnet is billed at a residential/consumer rate. "If we were billed that way, the rate would be about \$37."

Donald Gaspar said he was hoping to show incompetence among his fellow BPW members by voting against the \$55 rate. "When the rate was \$28, we paid our bills ... when the rate was \$35, we paid our bills," he said. "The number of users didn't go up in this town. But even after a \$40,000 reduction, we're still paying the same rate. The rate won't go down because this board doesn't have the b**ls to reduce the rate. I believe the rate could have gone down to \$38.50 if the BPW made its own decision — not that of the superintendent who's only looking out for himself."

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■ Old Rochester Regional High School

• *Girls Soccer* - On Tuesday, the **Lady Bulldogs** clinched the **South Coast Conference** title with a shutout victory over **Dighton-Rehoboth**, 3-0. Goalie **Kate Ostenberg** earned her 12th shutout, leading her team to an unblemished record of 17-0 overall. On Friday, the girls did it again, defeating **Case** 8-0. Freshman **Ashley Daniels** scored her first 2 varsity goals in the victory.

• *Boys Soccer* - The **ORR Bulldogs** lost to **Dighton-Rehoboth** on Tuesday, 3-0. This defeat dropped

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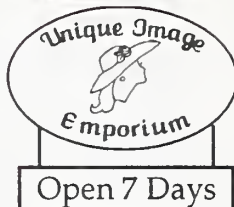
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their overall record to 8-7-2. On Friday, the **Bulldogs** defeated SCC rival **Case**, 2-0. **Colin Cabral** and **Josh Mechler** scored goals, finishing their season at 9-7-2.

- **Volleyball** - The **Bulldogs** wasted no time, defeating **Dighton-Rehoboth** 15-11, 15-12 on Tuesday.
- **Football** - The **Bulldogs** scored a huge victory, 14-7, over SCC rival **Dighton-Rehoboth** to keep their hopes of winning the conference alive. Quarterback sensation **Bob Liljedahl** threw two touchdown passes to lead the boys to victory. They improved to 3-1-0 in the **South Coast Conference**.

- **Track** - At the SCC Cross Country Championship on Saturday, the **Lady Bulldogs** squeaked out a 61-62 victory over **Bourne**.

■ **Old Colony Regional Voke**

- **Boys Soccer** - The **Cougars** were crushed on Wednesday, losing to **Avon**, 8-0. This loss set the boys back to an overall record of 2-7-1 in the **Mayflower Conference**, with a record of 2-13-1 overall. The boys then lost to **New Testament** on Friday, 5-0.

- **Volleyball** - The **Lady Cougars** made quick work of **Bristol Aggie**, 15-2 and 15-5 on Wednesday. They improved their record to 8-10 overall, while still looking to clinch a playoff berth. On Friday, the girls dropped an all-important match to **Norfolk Aggie**, 15-8 and 15-11, dashing their playoff hopes. Their final overall record for the season ended at 8-11.

- **Football** - The **Cougars** love playing in the rain, and they proved it by defeating **Southeastern Voke**, 26-0,



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on Saturday. This upped their record to 4-2 overall in the Mayflower Division.

■ Fairhaven High School

• *Girls Soccer* - On Tuesday, the Lady Blue Devils earned their 11th victory of the season, defeating New Bedford Voc-Tech, 7-0. Kelly Fitts and Jill Delano led the offensive charge with 2 goals a piece.

• *Boys Soccer* - After a tough battle, the Voc-Tech Bears squeaked by the Blue Devils 1-0 on Tuesday.

• *Volleyball* - The Lady Blue Devils were downed by the Voc-Tech Bears, 15-9, 15-10 on Tuesday.

• *Field Hockey* - On Tuesday, the Lady Blue Devils struggled and were defeated by the Wareham Vikings, 1-0. Wareham scored their only goal with 29 seconds left in the game. On Friday, they played Dighton-Rehoboth tough, leaving the game with a 0-0 tie. The Blue Devils finished their season at 1-14-1, but in the process spoiled D-R's chance at making the state tournament.

• *Track* - At the SCC Championship Meet, Fairhaven's Nephi Tyler struggled but survived with the best-ever second place finish.

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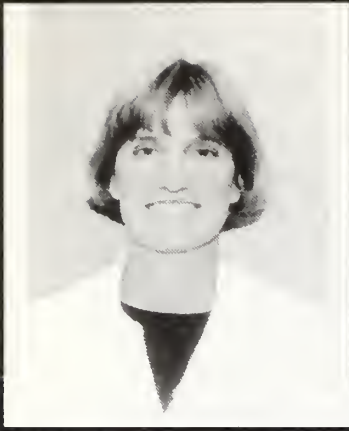
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Late last week I received a door flyer regarding an initiative to disband the teen wharf dances on behalf of several citizens who are annoyed with the event. Because I have strong positive sentiment for these dances, I am obliged to relate my feelings and those expressed by many neighbors.

When out-of-town guests visit our Pearl Street home, they are amazed with the close proximity of our neighbors. Without saying, I'm sure many question the attractiveness of this "cozy" lifestyle. But this is a lifestyle that many villagers find attractive. Some of us, for instance, might prefer front porches instead of rear decks. We like the action, our neighbors, and routinely absorb occasional annoyance.

We look forward to changes of season announced by wharf and village events. The pulling of boats in fall, followed by the Halloween Parade in October; the Christmas tree lighting and visit by Saint Nick in December; New Year's at the (Mattapoisett) Inn; the spring boat launchings followed by traditional summer events, including the Strawberry Festival, Road Race, Harbor Days, and Craft Show. All create some measure of disturbance. We love the square dancers on Saturday nights, the band concerts on Wednesdays, and YES, our *children* dancing and maturing Summer Thursdays on the wharf. Surely, no one could suggest there is an equivalent substitute for the charm of this wonderful summer setting.

Maybe I'm the minority that enjoys all of these events. Paraphrasing Mr. Lincoln, "While you can please some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, you can't please all of the people all of the time." We can't afford

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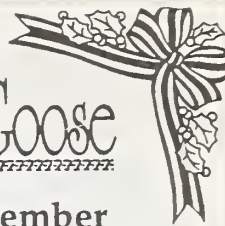
Sincerely,
James E. Hackett III
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

On Saturday, October 18, 1997, the Acushnet Police discovered an apartment that was uninhabitable. A mother and baby were living there despite the fact that it was an extremely unhealthy environment. Board of Health member Bob Medeiros was called to make observations and report back to his office. After performing his duties, Bob went home and brought back items of his own that the baby needed. When the DSS noted that the baby would have to be taken care of for an hour or so, Bob volunteered to do so at his home.



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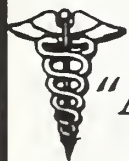
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Sincerely,

Chief Michael R. Poitras

Acushnet Police Department

To the Editor:

Yours truly attended a Board of Public Works (BPW)
meeting on October 16 because of a vote that was taken at a
previous meeting.

A motion was made by (Donald) Gaspar and seconded
by (David) Grenon to allow the contractor of the (Acushnet) Golf
Course to use his own discretion in connecting a 2200-foot water
line and ignore the original plans (and) also to forget the BPW
superintendent, the water superintendent, and the foreman of
the water department's instructions.

The original plans call for the meter and backflow
preventer to be installed at the connecting point on Main Street
and for good reasons:

- This water line will be installed five feet deep in
mostly wetlands, if at any time a leak is suspected the best and
easiest method to check it is to shut the valve off in the Golf
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- Another reason to have the meter and backflow preventer at the street is the town water system will be better-protected against possible contamination plus every gallon of water will be metered and billed to the Golf Course management;

- Finally, you the (Acushnet) water consumers should make it known whatever way you can address your concerns to the Selectmen, the BPW, and the Golf Course Committee — tell them you want this protection and insist that they install this pipe line correctly, otherwise you will be paying for water used by the golf course through higher rates.

Sincerely,
Rene Racine
Acushnet

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Mattapoisett Halloween Parade

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The judges this year are: Holly Francis, Caryn Hodges, and Richard Leblanc. Candy and glow sticks will be provided to all participants wearing a costume.

Halloween Dance at ORR

There will be a Halloween Dance on Saturday, November 1 from 7:00 to 11:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School. Admission is \$5 for students and pre-registered guests only.

Halloween Parade in Fairhaven

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is pleased to announce that the Halloween Parade will again be held on Thursday, October 30. Starting time should be approximately 6:00 pm from St. Mary's Church on Main Street and the route will be directly to Livesy Park. Everyone is invited to this FREE annual event. There will be costume judging and light refreshments available, as well as candy bags for the kids. In case of rain, the program will be held inside the Oxford School.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

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There will be a Rabies Clinic in Rochester on Sunday, November 2 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Rochester Grange Hall on Hartley Road. Cost is \$8 per animal.

Laughs Are On FORM

The Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) is proud to present "Laughs on Us," a hilarious stand-up comedy show, on Friday, November 14 at 8:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The headliners for the evening are comedians Rick Beretta and

Larry Sullivan.

Rick Beretta has been entertaining audiences at clubs and colleges with his unique sense of humor since 1983. The art of having people laugh at themselves, as well as life's everyday situations, best describes his comedy and his talent creates one of the most effective acts you can experience in stand-up comedy today. Rick has performed at the Boston Comedy Club, the Comedy Connection in Boston, Periwinkles in Providence, and Giggles in Tampa, Florida. He has appeared with big-name acts like The Temptations, Steven Wright, Lenny Clarke, Jimmy Tingle, and Rob Schneider.

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impersonators/comedians in the country. He has entertained audiences with a refreshingly clean and witty blend of impersonations and social satire. *The Boston Globe* called Sullivan "a skilled impressionist." Larry has been showcased on numerous television and radio programs including Comedy Central's "Stand Up and Deliver," ABC's "America's Funniest People," and as the resident "voice guy" on WZOU's "Morning Zoo." He has appeared with such national acts as Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, The Four Tops, Carol Leifer, and Paula Poundstone.

Advance ticket reservations for \$5 each can be made through Old Rochester Regional High School and Old Rochester Regional Junior High School and the music teachers, or by calling Dede Smith at 758-3487. Tickets at the door the evening of the show will be \$6. FORM is a group of parents, teachers, and community members who help to enrich the music programs at the junior and senior high schools within the district.

Adoptable Animals

Animal Umbrella's next scheduled Adopt-A-Thon will be held in conjunction with the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and will include dogs, cats and kittens. It will be at the National Pet Store in the Ann & Hope Plaza in Dartmouth on Saturday, November 1 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Spay and neuter assistance is available with all adoptions.

The local chapter still has lots of kittens, six- to eight-weeks old. This week, they are featuring a group of pairs — cats and kittens who would be so much happier if adopted to a new home together. Two are always more fun than one!

Available this week:

- A set of pure-bred neutered male Persians (they are father and son) which are grey and cream-colored, about three and four years old and have always been together. They were adopted a year ago and now, because of a change in the household, cannot be kept;

- A second pair of two spayed females — four years old — one all-white with blue eyes and the other mostly all-black with some white undertones. They were adopted together as kittens and now, four years later, their owner is relocating and they can't go with him;

- A pair of bobtail kittens (12 to 15 weeks old) who are still waiting for a home — one male and one female.

Animal Umbrella is happy to announce that the Himalayan named "Scooter" has been adopted and also the grey tiger mom who was featured last week. The orange and grey siblings were also adopted this past week.

Another pair to consider is two spayed female tigers — one brown, the other a grey tiger with white paws. They are not siblings but are inseparable in their foster home. They are both short-haired, about six months

old.

The special adult offering this week is an all-sleeky-black female — about six months — who is extremely quiet and gentle. She would make a great companion for an older person. If interested, please call Elaine at 758-6548 and ask about "Inky."

At the Fairhaven Animal Shelter this week, awaiting adoption is a beautiful large male black lab who is very friendly and needs room to run and play. A medium-sized all-brown hunting type dog, a black and white husky, and a male pit bull. If interested, please call Kristin at 979-4028 or go to the shelter which is located on Bridge Street across from Wal Mart in Fairhaven.

Great news in the dog world this week — the abused dog named "Benny" was adopted to a wonderful home in Dartmouth after waiting in foster care for six months. The group's motto is "if you can wait long enough, you can find the right adoption home for all."

If interested in these or any other animal offerings here, please call one of the following local Animal Umbrella representatives:

- Mary Lou at 994-6168;
- Priscilla at 758-2896;
- Trudy at 990-7806;
- Susan at 758-4044.

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

Thanksgiving Baskets will be distributed by Community Resources Network to 200 families who qualify in Buzzards Bay, Marion, Onset, Rochester, and Wareham. Please call 295-0080 after November 5 to apply.

Mattapoisett Scouts for Food

Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53 will be participating in the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) national activity, *Scouting For Food*. The troop will be placing Wal Mart shopping bags at neighborhood doors on Saturday, November 8. They ask that residents place a few canned goods and non-perishable items in the bags for collection. The troop will be back the following Saturday, November 15 to collect the bags.

Troop 53 welcomes your continued support and thanks you for your contributions. Boy Scout Troop 53 is an active organization, meeting every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Boy Scouts range in the ages of 10 to 18 years of age. For additional information, contact Scoutmaster Philip Gaudet at 758-9403.

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Girl Scouts Meet Few Good Sports

Girls Scouts of America Junior Troop 99 of Mattapoisett has been meeting a few good sports in October while working on the Sports Sampler badge. On October 14, the troop was invited by Kate Souza, coach of the Old Rochester Regional High School Field Hockey Team, to practice with the team and learn the basics of Field Hockey. The girls were individually instructed by the varsity team and had a great time.

On October 18, the troop visited the Gym Hutt of Lakeville, MA to learn about gymnastics. Mr. Jim Hutt and his son Aaron welcomed the girls. They then tried tumbling, balance beam, and had the most fun on the trampoline under the watchful eye of Aaron, an instructor at the facility. It was bouncy fun for all.

On Tuesday, October 21, the girls went to Days Sports. Mr. Paul Days-Merrill graciously opened the store just for the troop. He told marvelous stories about his career in running and triathlons. The girls were amazed to hear that he runs in races of 100 miles — and quite successfully, too. Mr. Days-Merrill also took the time to explain about proper running and biking equipment, nutrition, and other aspects of sports participation. Troop 99 wishes to thank all of these "good sports" for their help.

Driver's Education at ORR

Enrollment for the next Driver's Education class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 16 years of age on or before November 18 in order to enroll in the class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats in the program as it is school-sponsored.

Please call the high school for further information (758-3745). Registration period ends Friday, November 14. The class will be scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 18. The classes are held on Monday and Tuesday in Room B-123 at the high school from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and run for seven weeks.

Class charge for residents is \$35. Driving hours for residents is \$110. The class and driving hour charge for non-residents of the district is \$160. Only cash, bank checks, or money orders will be accepted as payment. No personal checks, please. Summer residents will be considered residents of the district.

Friends Donate TV to Seniors

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett, Inc. have purchased a large-screen television (TV) and videocassette recorder (VCR) to be kept at the Mattapoisett Senior Center for the enjoyment of all seniors in Mattapoisett. This acquisition was made possible by various fund raising activities over the past year and by a generous donation from the Calise Family in memory of Frances Calise to whom it will be dedicated.

The 46-inch TV is housed in an impressive cabinet

that was designed and made by Craig Mechler of New England Home Builders in Mattapoisett, who generously donated his time and materials.

Susan M. Cunningham of Penguin Painting in New Bedford and Peggy Cooper of Mattapoisett volunteered to paint the cabinet and on the panels of the doors Peggy Cooper has delicately created a number of artistic scenes of Mattapoisett donating her special talent.

The Program Committee of the Council on Aging, whose recommendation it was, felt that a large-screen TV could be used to enhance the variety of programs including fun social afternoons watching movies, stretching and bending with exercise videos, and enjoying educational, travel and sing-along tapes.

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

Warrant Articles

The Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office will accept articles, petitions, and street acceptances for insertion into the 1998 Annual Town Meeting warrant until Monday, January 5, 1998. If you should have any questions concerning this procedure, please contact Carol Adams or Melody Pacheco at 758-4100.

Cover Contest

If you are a town resident, artist, photographer, or like to dabble with paints, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen invites you to participate in a contest to select a cover for the next Annual Town Report. Entry forms and contest information may be obtained by contacting Melody Pacheco in the Selectmen's Office or by stopping by Town Hall. All art work and completed entry forms must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, January 5, 1998. Entries will be displayed at Town Hall prior to judging. The winning entry will be announced at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998.

Box Tops for Education

The Mattapoisett Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) announced a fund raiser for the town's two elementary schools: Big G Tops for Education. General Mills will pay 10 to 15 cents for each official box top from General Mills Cereals and other non-cereal products including Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks, Pop Secret Popcorn, Nature Valley Granola Bars, and Yoplait Yogurt. Collection boxes may be found at the Mattapoisett Post Office, the Seaport Village Coffee Shoppe, Citizens Bank, Shaws in Fairhaven, the Mattapoisett Public Library, and Tedeschi's on Route 6. Everyone's support in this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Mattapoisett Citizens' Initiative

The Mattapoisett Citizens' Initiative (MCI) continues its 1997-1998 schedule of informational meetings with a 30-minute talk on Wednesday, November 5 by Pam Truesdale, Executive Director of the Coalition

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for Buzzards Bay. She will share information on the monitoring program and testing results during the last two seasons, along with issues of public policy.

MCI meets in the Town Hall Conference Room on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The format is an open one with plenty of time for questions and discussion. MCI offers an opportunity for Mattapoisett citizens to develop a better understanding of our town's governance of the key issues that confront us. All are invited to join in. For further information, please call Penny Donald at 758-2286.

Education Seminar in Rochester

The State Ethics Commission will hold an educational seminar on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Memorial School cafetorium. The educational seminar will feature a presentation by Public Education Director Carol Carson. Ms. Carson, acting as the spokesperson for the commission, will also be available to answer any questions residents may have. The seminar is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. More information can be obtained by calling the Rochester Selectmen's Office at 763-3871.

Mattapoisett Fire Department

The Mattapoisett Fire Department will hold its annual Smoke Detector and Battery Change on Sunday, November 9 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Anyone wishing to

be on the list should call the station between the hours of 8:30 and 11:15 Monday through Friday at 758-4150. A make-up date of November 12 will be available for those who cannot make the November 9 date.

Shed Building Postponed

Inclement weather forced the members of the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity to postpone the "Shed Building Blitz" to be held at the Wal Mart parking lot in Fairhaven until Saturday, November 1 (rain date: November 2). One garden shed was "pre-built" and is now on display at Wal Mart. The shed will sell for \$995.

Please stop by and learn more about your local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The members would like to thank Fairhaven Lumber, Inc. and E. L. Morse Lumber Company of Wareham for donation materials; Wal Mart for the building site; Barden Boat Yard, Inc. of Marion; and Murphy's Auto Salvage of Rochester for transportation. Without their support, this project would not have been possible.

Holidaze Fair in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church will hold a "Jolly Holidaze Fair" on Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited to participate in the annual holiday fair. Among the features: bake table, doll table, bed and bath, boutique, children's table, silent auction, Chinese auction, plants, dry arrangements.

Lunch, featuring lobster and chicken salad rolls, will be served along with coffee.

Fairhaven's Student Poet

Rebecca Gaudrea, a senior at Fairhaven High School, has written a poem, "The Storm," which was a semifinalist in the recent National Library of Poetry Contest.

"I didn't really intend on writing the poem," she explained. "I was just thinking about why bad things happen sometimes, and I started writing." Rebecca has written about twenty poems, and "The Storm" is her favorite. It was published in a book called *Dance Upon the Shore*.

The Storm

By Rebecca Marie Gaudrea

A warm summer's night
the red-orange sky above
the sand under my feet.

The sun, it's going to bed
beneath the clear-blue water
this is the way I like it.

I'm not sure where the sky ends
and where the earth begins
maybe it's because I'm in heaven.

Soon it's nightfall
the stars, scattered in the sky
are shining brightly.



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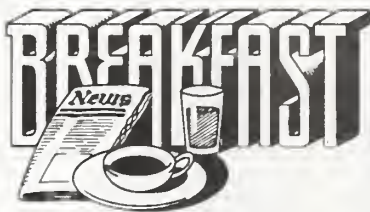


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If I stare at them long enough
they seem to answer my questions.

Again I must be in heaven.

It's time for the sun to rise again
but it doesn't.

The clouds set in,
no, not the pretty ones
the gray ones.

The ones that make you feel like
something's wrong,
and the feeling grows stronger.

It's windy
very windy
cold.

Here comes the rain
it feels more like hell today.
Lastly comes the lightning bolt,
thunder crashes,

The lightning strikes before me
hits a tree, it's down.

That tree will never have life again.
Maybe it's supposed to make me realize,
how lucky I am to be here.

To be alive
So next time I won't complain
about the storm,
because it's the storm
that helps us to see the calm.

School Committee Meetings

Following is a schedule of area School Committee Meetings for November, 1997:

- November 12 at 6:30 pm - Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- November 17 at 7:30 pm - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- November 18 at 7:30 pm - ORR District School Committee in the ORR High School Library;
- November 20 at 7:30 pm - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

Acushnet Town Auction

The Town of Acushnet's Annual Town Auction will be held on Saturday, November 1 at 10:00 am at the Board of Public Works Garage, 700 Middle Road. Items to be auctioned off include bicycles, snow plows, road sweeper, heavy equipment, plus surplus office equipment. For further information, please call 998-0215.

Mattapoisett Fire Log

Following are log excerpts for the month of September, 1997:

- September 3 - Town Landfill (call for assistance);
- September 4 - Route 6/North Street (motor vehicle accident);
- September 8 - Holly Woods (called in alarm);
- September 9 - Brandt Beach (fire without permit);
- September 10 - School Fire Drills (four schools drilled);
- September 11 - County Road (investigation, odor in

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**Visually-impressive
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BY ROB GONSALVES

■ *Gattaca*. Starring Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman. Directed by Andrew Niccol. Running time: 113 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

Under the opening credits of *Gattaca*, huge, mysterious objects fall to the ground and land with oppressive, Dolbyized thuds and clatters. Elephant tusks? Downed power lines? Volcanic ash? No, they are fingernails, eyelashes, and dead skin, respectively — tell-tale carriers of our genetic codes. Part of the magic of *Gattaca*, the best (and best-looking) science-fiction film since *Brazil*, is the way it focuses our attention on the detritus we shed everywhere. Our bodily wastes, ourselves? You better believe it. In the world of *Gattaca*, God isn't in the details — our DNA is. Biology is truly destiny.

Gattaca is set in "the not-too-distant future," when perfect humans ("valids") are bred by computer and trained for elite jobs, while "Godchildren" — people born the old-fashioned, imperfect way — are doomed to marginal lives as cogs in the machine. Of course, pessimists will say that the future of *Gattaca* is already here — that we are entering a techno-fascist era full of self-righteousness and empty of compassion. This is what dystopian fiction has always pointed out in the guise of sci-fi, but *Gattaca* chillingly captures the quick-fix, intolerant mood of the no-sex-no-drugs-no-nothing '90's, and where it might logically lead.

New Zealand commercial director Andrew Niccol, making a superbly assured feature debut, wraps his message in a paranoid neo-noir plot. The hero, Vincent (Ethan Hawke), is a Godchild with a heart condition and an "expiration date" of about 30 years. He dreams of being an astronaut, but the prestigious *Gattaca* space corporation will hire him only as a janitor. Vincent resigns himself to sweeping up the dead skin of "valids" until he meets a genetic black-marketeer (Tony Shalhoub), who sets up a deal between Vincent and a disabled



"valid," Jerome (Jude Law). Vincent will pose as Jerome, using Jerome's blood, hair, skin, and even urine to fake out *Gattaca*'s hypersensitive genetic screening and win a seat on the next space shot.

The weird physical details of Vincent's fakery alone would make *Gattaca* fascinating. But Niccol ups the ante when a *Gattaca* bigwig turns up dead — and a stray eyelash of Vincent's is found at the crime scene. Will Vincent be caught (even if he's innocent of the murder), or

will he sustain his ruse? The real paranoia of *Gattaca* is in its theme: the destiny of biology can be avoided for a while, but eventually it catches up with you (you can't get much more noir than that).

Most sci-fi movies look great because of cutting-edge special effects and lavish sets. *Gattaca* has few special effects, and its sets are struck from the stark, antiseptic mold of David Cronenberg movies (*Scanners*, *Dead Ringers*). Yet the movie is at least as stunning as *Blade Runner* or *Brazil*. Cinematographer Slawomir Idziak (who shot a few Krzysztof Kieslowski films, including *Blue*) is a sorcerer conjuring with golden browns and muted violets; this is one of the most beautifully composed and photographed movies of the decade. Uma Thurman, as Vincent's lover Irene, has never been more radiant — I wished there were more women in the movie who could enjoy Idziak's lavish lighting.

Gattaca is a "soft" science-fiction film — i.e., it depends less on hardware than on character and ideas. It may not be a hit — the Saturday-night, opening-weekend show I attended was considerably less than packed — but it's ideal for cult-movie reappraisal in a few years (just as *Blade Runner* and *Brazil* flopped and went on to become classics — and those films, like *Gattaca*, got a largely ho-hum response from American critics). As the movie winds down, so does its momentum and logic, but I didn't honestly care. *Gattaca* is the most elegant and hypnotic sci-fi thriller in years — a vision as dazzling as it is bleak.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (October 31) through Thursday (November 6)

I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) — Fri: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40;

Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 7:15, 9:30

The Devil's Advocate (R) — Fri: 3:00, 6:45, 9:30;

Sat/Sun: 12:00, 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:30

Seven Years in Tibet (PG-13) — Fri: 3:00, 6:30, 9:15;

Sat/Sun: 12:15, 3:00, 6:30, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:15

*Boogie Nights** (R) — Fri: 6:30, 9:30;

Sat/Sun: 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:30

*Red Corner** (R) — Fri: 4:40, 7:00, 9:15;

Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:15

Gattaca (PG-13) — Fri: 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45;

Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:15

*Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) — Friday and Saturday only at 12:00 midnight!

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■ GENERAL CINEMA 8

Route 6 and Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
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Friday (October 31) through Thursday (November 6)

Switchback (R) — 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20

The Peacemaker (R) — 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00

Soul Food (PG) — 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10

Playing God (R) — 7:20, 9:20

Rocket Man (PG) — 1:20, 3:20, 5:20

A Life Less Ordinary (R) — 1:40, 4:00, 7:10, 9:20

Kiss the Girls (R) — 1:40, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10

In & Out (PG-13) — 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

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- September 13 - Route 6/Mendell Road (motor vehicle accident);
- September 13 - Route 6/Circle B (motor vehicle accident);
- September 14 - Acushnet Road (motor vehicle accident);
- September 14 - Marion Road (report of smoke);
- September 15 - Route 195 off-ramp (vehicle fire);
- September 17 - Fairhaven Road (child pulled box);
- September 18 - Wolf Island Road (motor vehicle accident);
- September 19 - Acushnet Road (false call);
- September 20 - Silver Shell Avenue (smoke detector sounding);
- September 20 - Industrial Drive (motor vehicle accident);
- September 21 - Route 195 East (motor vehicle accident);
- September 26 - Marion Road (burning without permit);
- September 26 - Acushnet Road (called in alarm);
- September 28 - Route 195 East (motor vehicle accident);
- September 29 - Brandt Island Road (motor vehicle accident);
- September 29 - Route 195 West (motor vehicle fire);
- September 30 - Abby Lane (inside electrical fire).

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Local Police Logs

■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of October 18 through October 24, 1997:

- Middle Road - adult arrest (driving under the influence, negligent operation of motor vehicle)
- Main Street - disturbance/noise complaint
- South Main Street - motor vehicle accident
- Mill Road - offenses against the family
- South Main Street - summons issued (larceny, breaking and entering into motor vehicle)
- Village Avenue - disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street - disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street - assault with hands/fists, personal injury
- Main Street - juvenile arrest (disturbing the peace, destruction of property under \$250)
- Porter Street - disturbance/noise complaint
- South Main Street - motor vehicle accident
- Crompton Street - vandalism
- Quaker Lane - prowlers
- Slocum Street - disturbance/noise complaint
- Slocum Street - humane call/injured animal
- Mattapoissett Road - larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Hope Street - domestic disturbance
- Bertrand Way - disturbance/noise complaint
- Club Avenue - annoying/obscene phone calls
- Mendall Road - shots fired
- South Main Street - larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- South Main Street - larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Gammons Road - humane call/injured animal
- Balsam Brook Lane - disturbance/noise complaint
- Lisa Avenue - vandalism
- Main Street - motor vehicle accident.

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of October 19 through October 25, 1997:

- Front Street - adult arrest (illegal possession of Class D substance)
- Front Street - adult arrest (operating motor vehicle after license or right to operate suspended, default warrant)
- Rezendes Terrace - officer wanted
- Mill Street - annoying phone calls
- Front Street - animal complaint
- Mill Street - gunshots reported
- Kittansett Point - waterways complaint
- Briggs Lane - annoying phone calls
- Converse Road - animal complaint
- Mill Street - annoying phone calls
- Converse Road - annoying phone calls
- Spring Street - motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Pine Grove Lane - annoying phone calls
- Front Street - breaking and entering/past
- Front Street - recovered property
- Wewantic River - waterways
- complaint
- Wareham Road - family disturbance
- Front Street - breaking and entering/past
- Front Street - annoying phone calls
- Mill Street - breaking and entering/in progress
- Front Street - motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street - motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Front Street - general disturbance
- Point Road - family disturbance
- Converse Road - breaking and entering/in progress
- Front Street - adult arrest (illegal possession of Class B substance, illegal possession of Class D substance)
- Front Street - motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Register Road - annoying phone calls
- Dexter Road - gunshots reported
- Wareham Road - protective custody.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of October 19 through October 24, 1997:

- Brandt Island Road - youths in street
- Marion Road - harassing phone calls
- Channel Street - stolen property (car phone)
- Greenbough Drive - suspicious activity/persons
- Park Street - found property (truck chock blocks)
- Marion Road - suspicious activity
- Marion Road - adult arrest (larceny in progress)
- Wolf Island Road - illegal trash dumping
- Grand View Avenue - general
- disturbance
- River Bend Lane - loose rotweiller
- Main Street - motor vehicle accident
- County Road - motor vehicle accident
- County Road - motor vehicle accident
- Pico Beach Road - smoke detector alarm sounding
- North Street - motor vehicle accident.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of October 21 through October 28, 1997:

- Post Office - suspicious motor vehicle
- Mary's Pond Road - adult arrest (warrant)
- Route 28 - suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road - civil complaint
- Plumb Corner Mall - attempted breaking and entering
- North Avenue - possible operating under the influence
- Route 105 - suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoissett Road - suspicious motor vehicle
- Vaughn Hill Road - adult arrest (warrant)
- Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School - suspicious motor vehicle
- Snipatuit Road - suspicious motor vehicle
- Allen Road - suspicious motor vehicle
- Randall Road - breaking and entering
- Parlowtown Road - suspicious activity
- New Bedford Road - gunshots reported
- New Bedford Road - civil complaint.

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- Soil Conservation Board - The Soil Conservation Board was established by a vote of Town Meeting on October 27, 1997. The primary function of the board will be to oversee Rochester's revised Earth



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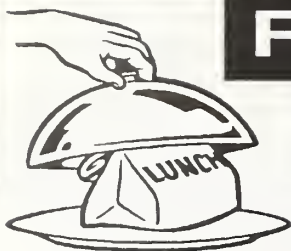
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Monday, November 3 — Ravioli with meat sauce, green beans, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Tuesday, November 4 — Burger on a bun, French fries, pickles, or chicken salad and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, November 5 — Macaroni with cheese with ham slice, carrots, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, November 6 — Hot dogs with chili, raw veggies, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, November 7 — Pizzeria pizza with pepperoni, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, November 3 — Vegetable soup, honey glazed chicken breast, confetti rice, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, November 4 — Beef and cabbage, green beans, pumpnickel roll, chilled fruit, French fries for diabetics.

Wednesday, November 5 — Turkey stew with vegetables, whipped potatoes, wheat roll, chocolate pudding.

Thursday, November 6 — Veal parmesan, spaghetti with sauce, Italian vegetables, canned pineapple, scallion bread.

Friday, November 7 — Seafood salad, potato salad, cole slaw, pita bread, bread pudding.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, November 3 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 4 — Sloppy Joe, or chicken fajita pocket, soup, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, November 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, or turkey pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, November 6 — Turkey, mashed potato, gravy, corn, roll, or ham and cheese pocket/roll, tossed salad, fruit, soup, milk.

Friday, November 7 — Cheese pizza or tuna pocket/roll, soup, tossed salad,

fruit, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, November 3 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, Steak'Um and cheese sub, sweet and sour pork chop, rice pilaf, green beans, applesauce, blueberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, November 4 — Hot dog in a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, baked beans, peaches, peanut butter brownie.

Wednesday, November 5 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, peas, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, November 6 — Grilled cheese, American chop suey with grated mozzarella, bologna and lettuce sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, November 7 — Cheese pizza, Sloppy Joe on a bun, hot pastrami grinder, scalloped potatoes, corn niblets, pineapple tidbits, cherry crisp with topping.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, November 3 — Ravioli with meat sauce, green beans, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Tuesday, November 4 — Burger on a bun, French fries, pickles, or chicken salad and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, November 5 — Macaroni with cheese with ham slice, carrots, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, November 6 — Hot dogs with chili, raw veggies, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, November 7 — Pizzeria pizza with pepperoni, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, November 3 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, Steak'Um and cheese sub, sweet and sour pork chop, rice pilaf, green beans, applesauce, blueberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, November 4 — Hot dog in a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, baked beans, peaches, peanut butter brownie.

Wednesday, November 5 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, peas, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, November 6 — Grilled cheese,

American chop suey with grated mozzarella, bologna and lettuce sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, November 7 — Cheese pizza, Sloppy Joe on a bun, hot pastrami grinder, scalloped potatoes, corn niblets, pineapple tidbits, cherry crisp with topping.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, November 3 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 4 — Sloppy Joe, or chicken fajita pocket, soup, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, November 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, or turkey pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, November 6 — Turkey, mashed potato, gravy, corn, roll, or ham and cheese pocket/roll, tossed salad, fruit, soup, milk.

Friday, November 7 — Cheese pizza or tuna pocket/roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOC-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, November 3 — Juice, cheeseburger, spicy fries, corn, pudding.

Tuesday, November 4 — Vegetable soup, grilled ham and cheese, hash brown patty, peas, chocolate whipped cream cake.

Wednesday, November 5 — Grilled hot dog, potato chips, veggie sticks, peanut butter cookie.

Thursday, November 6 — Fruit juice, chicken nuggets, potato puffs, carrots, cranberry sauce, marble cake.

Friday, November 7 — Pizza, tuna roll, pretzels, mixed vegetables, dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, November 3 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 4 — Sloppy Joe, or chicken fajita pocket, soup, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, November 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, or turkey pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, November 6 — Turkey, mashed potato, gravy, corn, roll, or ham and cheese pocket/roll, tossed salad, fruit, soup, milk.

Friday, November 7 — Cheese pizza or tuna pocket/roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, November 3 — Soup, pastrami with cheese, or chicken fritters, fries, pickles, carrot sticks, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, November 4 — Baked ziti, or bacon cheeseburger, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, November 5 — Soup, beans with hot dogs, or chicken patty, cole slaw, pickles, pudding, fruit, juice or milk.

Thursday, November 6 — Turkey with gravy, or ham and cheese croissant, mashed potato, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, November 7 — Beef taco, or Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, nacho, cheese sauce, salsa, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, November 3 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 4 — Sloppy Joe, or chicken fajita pocket, soup, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, November 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, or turkey pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, November 6 — Turkey, mashed potato, gravy, corn, roll, or ham and cheese pocket/roll, tossed salad, fruit, soup, milk.

Friday, November 7 — Cheese pizza or tuna pocket/roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, November 3 — NO SCHOOL (no lunch served).

Tuesday, November 4 — Hot dog in a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, baked beans, peaches, peanut butter brownie.

Wednesday, November 5 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, peas, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, November 6 — Grilled cheese, American chop suey with grated mozzarella, bologna and lettuce sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, November 7 — Cheese pizza, Sloppy Joe on a bun, hot pastrami grinder, scalloped potatoes, corn niblets, pineapple tidbits, cherry crisp with topping.

Removal By-Law. Letters of interest in serving can be sent to the Rochester Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, or call Russell Dean at 763-3871 for more information.

Home Buyers Workshop

South Shore Housing Development Corporation will hold a four-part workshop for first-time home buyers from 6:30 to 9:00 pm on four consecutive Wednesday evenings — November 5, November 12, November 19, and December 3 at Fisher College in Plymouth. The fee is \$30 per household. For more information or to register, please call Myrna Weiner at (617) 585-3885, extension 229.

Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade will be held this year in Wareham on Tuesday, November 11 at 1:30 pm. The theme this year is "Korea: The Forgotten War." The parade will form at 12:30 pm on Main Street in Wareham in the vicinity of Besse Park. The route will be as follows: north on Main Street to Gibbs Avenue, south on Gibbs Avenue to Marion Road (Route 6), left on Marion Road to the Memorial Town Hall. If inclement weather forces a shorter route, the parade will follow Route 6 by turning west at Chapel Hill. If the parade is cancelled because of weather there will be a short service to honor the veterans in the Town Hall.

Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its next monthly meeting on November 5 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm. The speaker this month will be George Avila, who will speak on the whaler *Acushnet*, the Mattapoisett connection to Herman Melville. George's research spans over ten years and his talk promises to be most enjoyable and informative.

Callers are reminded to phone in their lists no later than 9:00 pm on November 3. Last-minute changes and reservations can be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Waiting Lists

Non-respondents are now being removed from the Mooring, Wharf and Skiff Waiting Lists. Bills for a one-time fee of \$15 to remain on the lists were mailed over 30 days ago and now is the time to begin the removal process. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 758-4103.

Dog Licenses

There are a number of outstanding 1997 dog licenses and court action has been started. All delinquent licensees have received written communications regarding licensing their dogs. Court action is being taken on all non-respondents.

Marion Real Estate Taxes Due

Marion Tax Collector Debra Blanchette would like to remind tax payers that the second quarter real estate taxes are due by Monday, November 3. For further information, please call 748-3505.

Film Screening in Mattapoisett

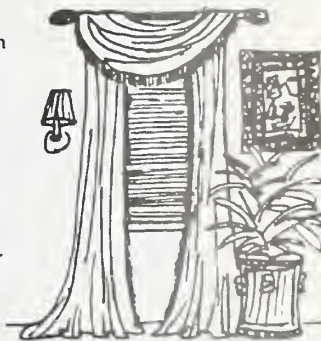
On Sunday, November 2 at 6:00 pm, there will be an unusual and thought-provoking program in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church on Love/Hate and the Holocaust. Mattapoisett resident Brent Lestage has written and produced a short film called *Race* that premiered in New Bedford and has already won one film festival prize. It tells the fictional story of a boy who escaped the Nazis in wartime Poland by running away through the woods. The story is told in flashbacks from a race he is running today, in his 60's. The movie was shot locally and uses local actors, including David Jenney of Mattapoisett.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit a Holocaust Memorial to be built in Buttonwood Park in New Bedford. A prime mover behind that memorial is Abe Landau, who himself survived the terrible war years in a series of concentration camps. Mr. Landau will be at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church on November 2 to provide his perspective as an introduction to the film. It is expected that Mr. Lestage, the writer, producer, editor and narrator of the 20-minute film, will also provide

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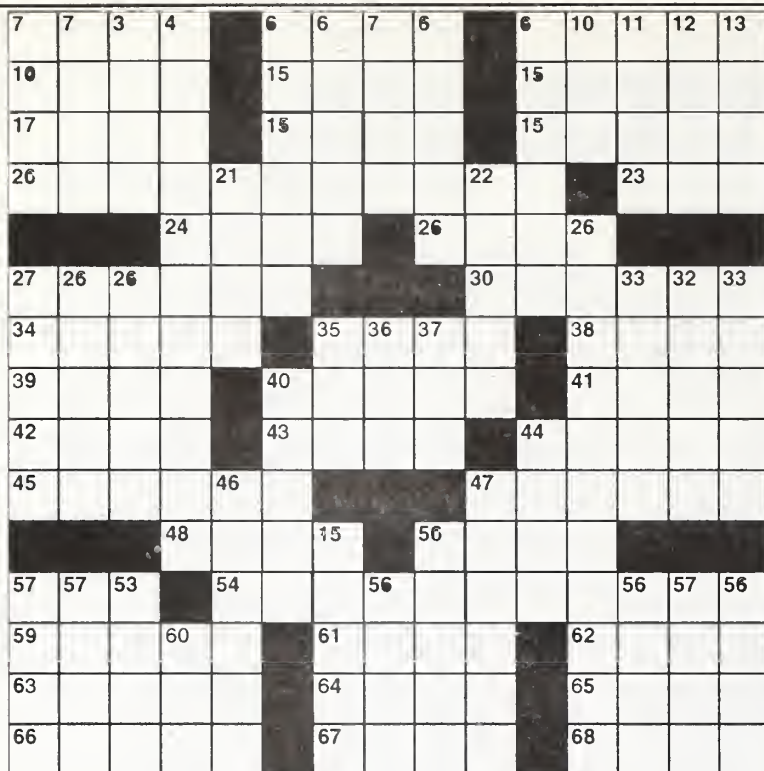
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Make changes now. They'll be much harder later. Romance blossoms but there's not enough money. Well, you've got the better end of the deal.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Get paperwork out of the way. You're at your most efficient. A partner demands more attention. Get used to it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). There's money coming in, especially if you've worked to earn it. Some may be a gift from a distant relative.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Handle the hard stuff. If you can do it quickly enough, it won't be overdue after all. You're much stronger with the moon in your sign.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Get as much writing done as you can. You're confident but that may not be enough. A stubborn friend may stall long enough to win the argument.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A friend of yours gets lots of attention. Some of it's even the positive kind. Provide support.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you go along with your boss's wishes, you'll make lots of points. If you argue, you won't. Save your comments for your friends.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're lucky and getting luckier. Sign up for a cruise. Study your foreign language. You may need it soon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Use new information to find a way to pay off your debts. Concentrate on studying finances.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Get paperwork handled now. There won't be time later. Your life is chaotic.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Focus on your work full time. If you do, you may be able to play soon. A humorless person may not share your enthusiasm.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Your sweetheart's under pressure. Do what you can to lighten the load. You could feel a surge of new power. That's the sun going into Scorpio.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Take the vacation of your dreams. Sign up for a cruise. Push yourself farther than ever, literally and figuratively. A conflict leads to personal and career growth.



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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>#681 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Richard W. Carr, Carr Family Partnership, who is seeking a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.C.3. Property is located on Mary's Pond Road, Assessor's plan 9 lot 9. Public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, November 13, 1997 at 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA. Charles Wolf, Chairman 10/31, 11/7</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Nov. 10 at 7:15pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Notice of Intent submitted by Sprint Spectrum, LP, 201 Edgewater Drive, Wakefield, MA 01880. The Proposed project is to Construct a 15'x20' concrete equipment area/install antenna on existing cellular communications tower. The project is located at Industrial Avenue and is further identified as Lot 36A on Assessor Map 27. Conservation Commission 10/31</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Nov. 24 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Notice of Intent submitted by Dr. Donald Middleton & Genia Griffiths (c/o WETech Land Design, P.O. Box 4080, Plymouth, MA 02361) of 2 West Silver Shell Ave., Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The Proposed project is to install a driveway, regrading & seeding a lawn on-site, pruning & thinning of existing vegetation, installing landscape plantings. The project is located at 2 West Silvershell Ave. and is further identified as Lot 0141 on Assessor Map 5A. Conservation Commission 10/31</p>
<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>#682 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Gary B. and Carolyn M. Gray, for a Special Permit to allow conversion of a single family home to a two family home under section VIII.D.9.a. of protective by-laws. Property is located at 18 Edwards Lane, Assessors plan 35, lot 17G. Public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, November 13, 1997 at 8:00pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA. Charles Wolf, Chairman 10/31, 11/7</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Nov. 10 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Notice of Intent submitted by Ruth Walega. The Proposed project is to install a new septic system for an existing house. The project is located at 12 Noyes Avenue and is further identified as Lot 39 on Assessor Map 12A. Conservation Commission 10/31</p>	<p>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM</p> <p>Notice of License Application pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91</p> <p>Waterways License Application Number W96-6656 (Lammey)</p> <p>Waterways License Application Number W96-7154 (LaFrance)</p> <p>Waterways License Application Number W96-7167 (Taylor)</p> <p>Notification Date: November 4, 1997</p>
<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on November 12, 1997 at 8:00pm in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA, regarding the Definitive Plan entitled Shadow Farm. Property is located off Mendell Road, Rochester, MA. Copies of said plan are on file in the Town Hall between the hours of 8:30AM -4:30PM, Monday - Friday. Janice M. Crook, Chairman 10/31, 11/7</p>	<p>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM</p> <p>Notice of License Application pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91</p> <p>Waterways License Application Number W96-7169</p> <p>Carmelo & Deborah A. Nicolosi</p> <p>Notification Date: November 4, 1997</p> <p>Public notice is hereby given of the application by Carmelo & Deborah A. Nicolosi to maintain a Seawall and 2 groins at 38 Shore Drive, in the Municipality of Mattapoisett in and over the waters of Hiller's Cove off Buzzards Bay.</p>	<p>Public notice is hereby given of the applications by Jean B. Taylor, Sophie LaFrance and Archibald & Marian D. Lammey to maintain seawall and groin at 61 Mattapoisett Neck Road, 69 Mattapoisett Neck Road and 19 Shore View Drive in the Municipality of Mattapoisett in and over the waters of Mattapoisett Harbor.</p>
<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS WATER MAIN FLUSHING</p> <p>Water main flushing will be conducted October 28, 1997 through November 14, 1997. Flushing will begin October 28th at 8:00pm until 2am. Flushing will be continued October 29th through November 14th during the daylight hours from 9:00 am and 4:30pm. Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas. Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street east to Aucoot Road and including Crescent Beach, Point Connett, Hollywoods, and Peases Point. Chlorine will be injected into the system before flushing begins and will continue for a period after flushing is completed. William T. Nicholson, Superintendent 10/24, 10/31, 11/7</p>	<p>The proposed use of the structure is shoreline stabilization for the protection of existing structures and is a water-dependent project.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon written request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 946-2878. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: Andrea Langhauser, Regional Planner, DEP/Wetlands & Waterways Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 10/31</p>	<p>The proposed use of the structure is shoreline stabilization for the protection of existing structures and is a water-dependent project.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon written request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 946-2878. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: Andrea Langhauser, Regional Planner, DEP/Wetlands & Waterways Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 10/31</p>

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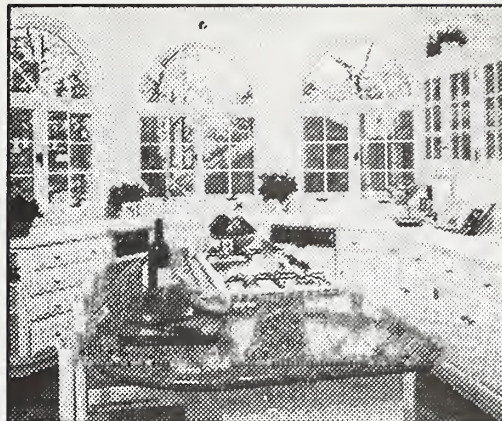
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Mattapoisett Christian Church

A worship service will be held at the Christian Church, corner of Church and Baptist Streets in Mattapoisett, on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 pm. The Rev. Nehemiah Boynton III, retired minister of the Congregational Church of South Dartmouth, will conduct the service. A warm welcome to the public is extended by the Trustees of the Church.

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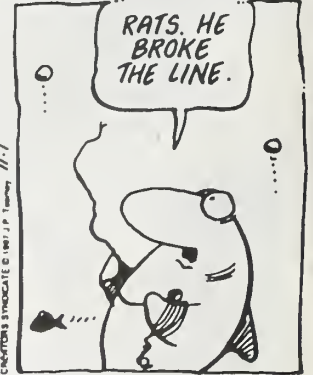
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representatives. Interested community members should submit a letter of intent to: Joan M. Walsh, Superintendent of Schools, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

VFW Ham and Bean Supper

The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Ham and Bean Supper and Penny Sale on Saturday, November 8 at 7:00 pm at the VFW Pavilion, Route 6 in Marion. Donations are \$6 for adults. Please call 748-0791, 295-3032, 947-8799 for tickets.

St. Nicholas Bazaar in Fairhaven

St. Joseph's School will sponsor at St. Nicholas Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, November 8 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event will be held at the school located at 100 Spring Street and will include handmade crafts, a Chinese auction, turkey raffles, household auction, food court, raffles, adult games, new children's games, baked goods, a White Elephant table, homemade jellies and more.

First Congregational Church - Marion

Worship Services

The First Congregational Church of Marion, located at 28 Main Street, invites the community to their Sunday morning worship services at 10:00 am. The church is accessible to all with an elevator on the ground level.

Author Presentation

Women in the community are invited to a gathering on Saturday, November 1 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Community Center Hall. Marion Vuilleumier, author and editor of many books about Cape Cod, will speak from her book *Meditation by the Sea*. A hot chicken salad luncheon will be served at noon. Afterwards, participants may choose to stay to help construct a seashell cross. Please call the church office at 748-1053 to make a luncheon reservation. To help with program expenses, \$6 may be paid at the door.

Farewell Party

Community members are invited to a farewell party for the Rev. Robert E. Duebber and his family on November 9 in the Community Center Hall at 144 Front

Street from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Style Show

The Penny Pinchers' Exchange will host a Style Show featuring holiday fashions on Saturday, November 15 with shows at 10:30 and 11:30 in the Community Center Hall. Helen Tibbetts will be the pianist for The Second-Hand Rose Singers. There is no admission charge. Models will be wearing fashions for sale in the shop.

Bach to Bolling Benefit in Marion

The First Congregational Church of Marion will be hosting a Benefit Concert for "Hearts & Hands" on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 pm in the church sanctuary. Hearts & Hands is an all-volunteer Christian ministry whose purpose is to provide free physical, emotional and spiritual support to medically-fragile children and their families without regard for diagnosis, gender, race, religion, handicap, or age. Hearts & Hands, based in Mattapoisett, is a community-supported non-profit program offered to families in southeastern Massachusetts.

The concert, titled "Bach to Bolling," will feature Melanie Santos (flute), Elaine LaZizza Cronin (piano), Bart Yates (bass), and Paul Gross (drums). The program will include pieces by Bach, Massenet, and Claude Bolling's "Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano." Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store, The Bookstall in Marion, and the Seaport Village Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett. Tickets will also be available at the door. The church, located at 28 Main Street in Marion, is handicap-accessible.

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of November 1872, both in the words of Louisa May Alcott, or in song — "Boston in Ashes! or Homeless Tonight." They'll tell the origins of our official Thanksgiving holiday, take a peek at the world of a typical nineteenth century housewife, and draw the audience into the tuneful and familiar choruses that connect us with an earlier New England.

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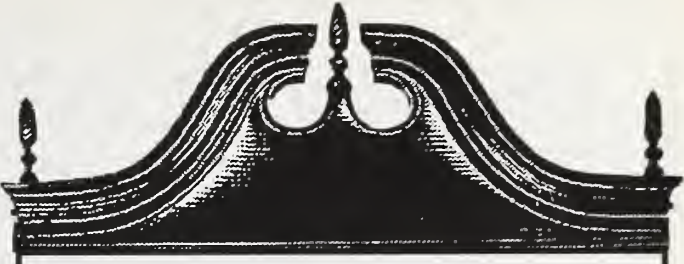
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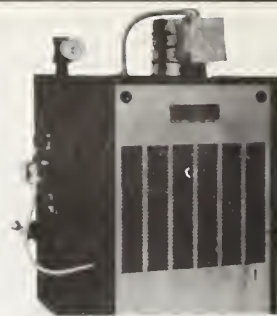
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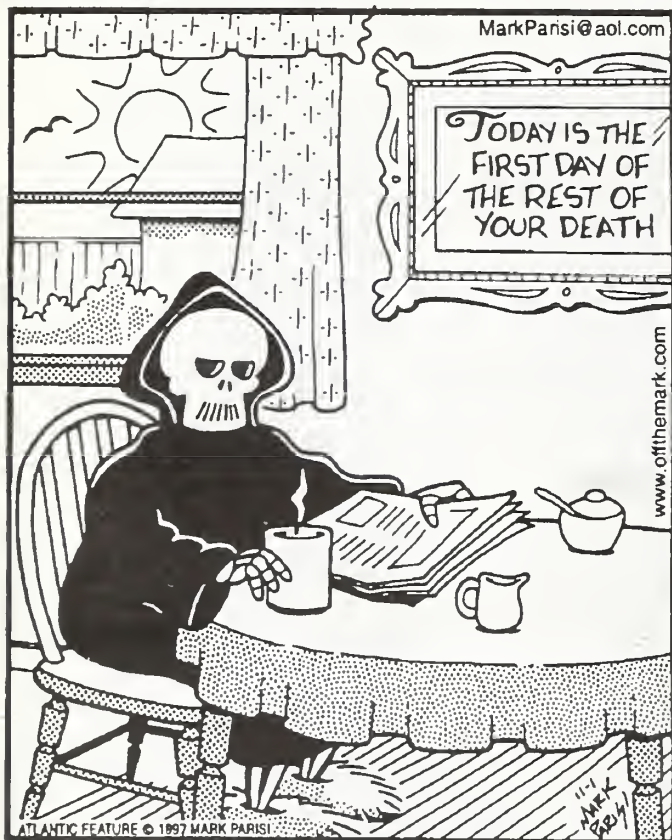
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October 24:	Fri.	3:13	3:39	9:19	10:26
October 25:	Sat.	4:10	4:33	10:44	11:14
October 26:	Sun.	4:02	4:23	10:35	10:47
October 27:	Mon.	4:48	5:08	11:11	11:13
October 28:	Tues.	5:32	5:50	11:41	11:39
October 29:	Wed.	6:12	6:31	12:11	...
October 30:	Thur.	6:52	7:11	12:09	12:41
October 31:	Fri.	7:31	7:50	12:40	1:14
November 1:	Sat.	8:10	8:30	1:14	1:49
November 2:	Sun.	8:50	9:11	1:49	2:25
November 3:	Mon.	9:31	9:55	2:26	3:05
November 4:	Tues.	10:15	10:42	3:07	3:48
November 5:	Wed.	11:05	11:36	3:53	4:36
November 6:	Thur.	...	12:01	4:45	5:30
November 7:	Fri.	12:37	1:03	5:45	6:32
November 8:	Sat.	1:39	2:06	6:55	7:41
November 9:	Sun.	2:42	3:08	8:13	8:50
November 10:	Mon.	3:41	4:06	9:29	9:53
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		Last Quarter		November 21st	
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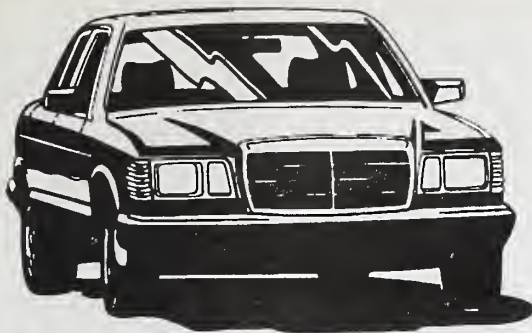
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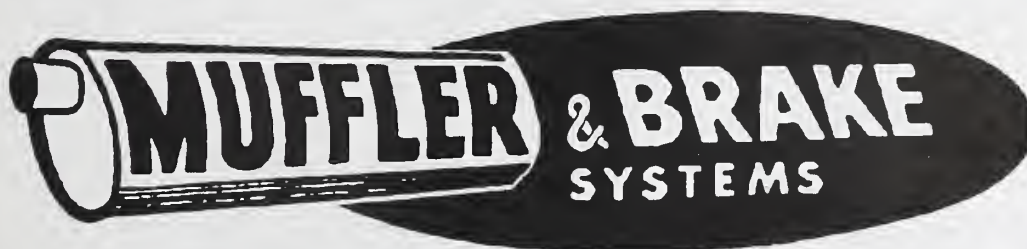
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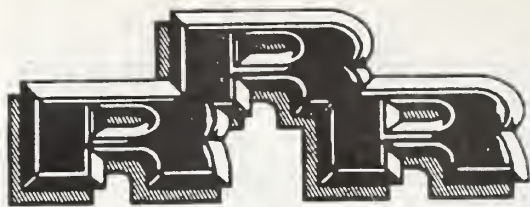
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